

# **Adult Softball - Return to Play Plan**

***DISCLAIMER: Participants, parents, family and spectators engaging in sporting activities do so with knowledge of the risk and potential exposure involved and agree to accept any and all inherent risks to their personal health.***

The following recommendations and guidelines are set forth for outdoor sports leagues to return to play through Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation. Items below may be added, changed or removed as information is distributed by the CDC, State and Local authorities.

## ***On-Field Recommendations***

- Teams shall not enter the dugout until the other team exits and complex staff has sanitized.
- Teams shall clean out their dugout and team bench area upon arrival and departure.
- The offensive team must designate an individual to pick up the bat after it is used and wipe down the bats after each use.
- Pre-game and post-game handshakes/high fives are prohibited.
- Athletes are permitted to wear masks during the game but are not required. Masks must be non-distracting and should have minimal or no designs on them.
- Athletes may not huddle during the game.
- Athletes may not engage in handshakes, high fives, prayers with touch or hugs.
- Athletes on defense, in the field of play, are not required to wear face coverings. Offensive players that are batting or running the bases are also not required to wear face coverings.
- Base coaches on-deck batters and other offensive players not batting or base running are required to wear face coverings.
- Recommended for lineup cards exchanged team to team and team to Umpire shared via photo or text.

## ***Off-Field Recommendations***

Employees, players & spectators will be required to screen themselves, at home, prior to coming to the ballpark. If they have a temperature exceeding 100.4 or other COVID-19 symptoms they asked to stay home. Employees, players and spectators should not come to the ballpark if they are known to have been recently exposed to someone with COVID-19. Additionally, signs shall be posted throughout the facility reminding the public to practice social distancing.

- **Spectators** are always recommended to wear face coverings and encouraged to follow 6-feet social distancing guidelines. Spectators will be encouraged to bring their own sanitizing wipes for personal cleanliness.
- **Athletes and Coaches** will be encouraged to bring sanitizing wipes, personal sanitizer and face masks. We also, encouraged them to wear masks in between games and follow 6-feet social distancing guidelines.